

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY, Dec. 26—P. M.

The weekly bank statement is not regarded as unfavorable. It shows contraction in the item of loans and losses in specie and legal tenders. The totals as compared with last week are shown as follows:—

	Dec. 26.	Dec. 19.
Loans.....	\$202,434,320	\$201,342,320
Specie.....	19,464,584	17,940,485
Circulation.....	34,327,758	34,327,758
Deposits.....	18,077,223	17,850,721
Legal tenders.....	58,706,125	48,706,125

The differences in the respective items of the statements are as follows:—

Decrease in loans.....	\$1,091,000
Increase in specie.....	702,099
Increase in circulation.....	50,000
Decrease in deposits.....	4,575,000
Decrease in legal tenders.....	2,089,773

The changes are quite explicable and logical. The shipment of specie and the customs receipts almost exactly account for the loss of specie. The decrease in loans is the result of contraction against the quarterly statement. The losses in deposits and legal tenders are attributable to the shipment of currency southward and westward and to the withdrawal of funds by the country banks.

The money market worked closely at the beginning of business, and although more active than on Thursday, was less so than in the earlier portion of the week. The rate during the forenoon was seven per cent in gold, with exceptional cases of commissions and exceptional transactions in currency. Later in the day funds were more abundant, or rather were offered more freely, under the inducement of earning two days' interest, and the rate declined to seven per cent in currency. The course of the money market for the ensuing week is a subject of much concern, as the banks will be under the necessity of contracting still further in order to help their appearance in the quarterly statement there is little hope of a relaxation until after the advent of the New Year. The question of the release of \$30,000,000 of greenbacks creates continued inquiry in the street. The following explanation has been received from the semi-official authority of Sub-Treasurer Van Dyck:—"The fifty dollar legal tender note having been very perfectly counterfeited the government some time since determined to withdraw all of that denomination from circulation and to replace them with new notes. It was also decided to call in such other legal tenders as bore the endorsement that they were exchangeable into five-fifteens; these latter were issued during the early part of the war. To effect the exchange alluded to the United States Treasurer, about a month ago, sent a circular to the different Assistant Treasurers and to the various depositories requesting them to forward such notes to Washington and to receive therefor new ones. This exchange has been going on for some time, and the old notes have been accumulating in the Treasury at Washington. The despatch of Thursday, stating that \$30,000,000 had been burned, probably alluded to this accumulation."

A prominent dry goods jobbing house doing business in Broadway, near the corner of Worth street, suspended to-day, and the consequence has been another check to discounts. Their liabilities are not extensive if they are confined to the sum reported, which comprises \$1,250,000 business debts and \$500,000 due to the banks.

Gold opened at a decline from Thursday's closing prices, the first sale being made at 134 1/2. On the strength of a large shipment to Europe to-day, the premium became firmer and advanced a quarter. The price remained at 135 until the afternoon, when it receded to 134 1/2. The market was dull in general, operators abandoning the Gold Room for the Stock Exchange. It is announced from Washington that the January coupons will be paid on Tuesday next, the 30th inst., and the Sub-Treasurer began to-day to give out checks therefor dated January 1, 1869. This will give the banks an opportunity of appearing well in the quarterly statement, as some twenty millions of gold will be distributed in this city. The gold shipments for the week were over \$300,000. The gross clearings to-day at the Gold Exchange Bank were \$51,091,000, the gold balances, \$1,751,151, and the currency balances, \$2,743,410. In the morning the carrying rate went as high as 10 per cent and 1-32, but relaxed to 6 and 1/2, with the easier feeling in money prevailing in the afternoon. The price of gold during the week is set forth as follows:—

	Highest.	Lowest.
Monday.....	135 1/2	134 1/2
Tuesday.....	135 1/2	134 1/2
Wednesday.....	135 1/2	134 1/2
Thursday.....	135 1/2	134 1/2
Friday.....	135 1/2	134 1/2

Government bonds were in demand in consequence of the approach of interest day, and the market was quite active, 6 1/2 advancing to 10 1/2. The improvement was steady from the opening of the board to the noon call and upon the street opened quietly. At four o'clock prices closed firm as follows:—United States sixes, 1861, registered, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 6-20's, registered, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1864, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1865, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1866, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1867, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1868, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1869, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1870, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1871, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1872, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1873, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1874, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1875, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1876, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1877, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1878, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1879, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1880, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1881, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1882, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1883, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1884, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1885, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1886, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1887, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1888, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1889, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1890, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1891, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1892, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1893, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1894, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1895, 105 1/2; 105; do, coupon, 114 1/2; 114 1/2; 10's, 1896, 105 1/2; 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